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**Subject:** Your Question Regarding the SAVE program

Ms. Kelly-Clark,

We discussed yesterday a bill being considered in your legislature relating to the use of the Department of Homeland Security's SAVE program. You said that the legislators were interested in using SAVE to verify social security numbers for those applying for or reapplying for professional licenses

The SAVE program would not be an effective tool to do this type of work. The SAVE program is required to provide immigration status information to customers and benefit-granting agencies in an automated timely manner mandated by Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA). This is normally done by agencies querying the immigration status of non-citizens by A number or I-94 number. The system cannot be used to query by SSN.

- The USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program provides automated immigration status information to over 190,000 Federal, State, and local benefit issuing agency and licensing bureau users, including 20 state Department of Motor Vehicle agencies.
- This information helps ensure that only eligible non-citizens receive public benefits and licenses. However, **The SAVE Program does not make determinations on any non-citizen applicant's eligibility** for a specific benefit or license.

Let me know if I can be of any more help, or if your questions were not answered

Hope all is well!

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